



**JENKINTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL
PUBLIC MEETING**

Wednesday, May 22nd, 2024

7:00 P.M.

**700 Summit Avenue, Jenkintown Pennsylvania
(Also - Live Streamed via ZOOM to the Borough Facebook Page)**

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order:** President J. Connors called the meeting to order at 7:14 PM.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor Lerman led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Roll Call:**
 - **Council Members Present:** Councilor A. Khalil, Councilor A. MacHaffie, Councilor A. Bartlett, Councilor A. Narva (ZOOM), Councilor D. Ballard, President J. Connors, Vice President C. Soltysiak, Councilor D. Pancoe, Councilor G. Lewis, Councilor S. Spindler, Councilor J. Bruno, Councilor M. Marlowe
 - **Council Members Absent:** N/A
 - **Others Present:** Mgr. G. Locke, Chief T. Scott, Solicitor P. Hitchens, Engineer K. Hassan, and Fire Chief K. Lynch
4. **Approval of Minutes – March 20th, April 17th and April 25th:** President J. Connors made a motion, seconded by Vice President C. Soltysiak to approve the minutes dated March 20th, April 17th, and April 25th.
5. **Approval of Payrolls dated May 3rd & 17th in the amount of \$173,937.14 and invoices totaling \$176,118.96:** Councilor D. Ballard made a motion, seconded by Councilor J. Bruno to approve payrolls dated May 3rd & May 17th in the amount of \$173,937.14 and invoices totaling \$176,118.96.
6. **Public Comment:** Sheila Hutnick of 317 Greenwood Ave – She asked a question about the status of the Police Department. Both President J. Connors and Councilor A. Khalil answered. Dan Gantz of 312 Rodman Ave – He about the cost to the Borough to fulfill Right To Know Requests. President J. Connors answered. He also inquired about obtaining statistics for traffic citations. Chief T. Scott answered. Councilor A. Khalil mentioned receiving an email from resident Jim O’Neill (present at the meeting). Vice President C. Soltysiak mentioned receiving an email about the DCED consultation. It will be referenced when that part of the agenda is being discussed (Item #2 under Order of Business). **(00:14:10)** Councilor A. Khalil read Mgr. G. Locke’s email response to Jim O’Neill.
7. **Presentations**
 - Jenkintown School District – Budget Overview, JSD Business Administrator (Karen Overington) **(00:15:46)**
 - **(00:34:52)** President J. Connors noted that prior to tonight’s meeting an executive session was held to discuss matters of personnel and litigation matters related to action item #1.
 - 459-471 Old York Road LLC – Revised zoning plan for proposed redevelopment of 459-471 Old York Road. **(00:35:06)** Councilors A. Khalil, C. Soltysiak, S. Spindler, G. Lewis, A. Bartlett, D. Panco, and A. MacHaffie

Reports (00:58:30)

8. Engineer's Report: Khal Hassan, Pennoni gave the following updates:

- Cedar Street Stormwater Project – Bid advertised
- Continuing to provide construction inspection services at 93 York Road and 821 Homestead
- Waiting for 2040 Grant for Runnymede/Walnut

(01:00:12) Councilor D. Pancoe asked how will the work being done at 93 Old York Road impact the Stormwater Project? Engineer K. Hassan explained. Additional discussion between Engineer K. Hassan, Councilors D. Pancoe, A. Khalil, and D. Ballard.

9. Public Works' Department Report: Mgr. G. Locke gave updates when presenting his report.

10. Solicitor's Report: Solicitor P. Hitchens gave the following update:

- His office continues to provide legal services on an as needed and as requested basis.

11. Mayor's Report: No Report as Mayor G. Lerman was not present.

12. Police Chief's Report: Chief of Police T. Scott gave the following updates:

- We received \$110,000.00 from PCCD Grant, awaiting additional \$23,000.00
- 3304 should be returned by the end of the week.
- The new patrol car should be delivered soon. Three weeks for upfit; middle to end of June.
- EMS week this week
- Police week was last week
 - National Memorial – new names were added including the Temple Police Office, another from Philadelphia and a few of the State Police Officers.

Councilor D. Pancoe thanked Chief for the email blast reminding folks about the increased Parking Enforcement taking place.

13. Manager's Report: Borough Manager G. Locke gave the following updates:

- The PSAB has released a list of available funding and we are evaluating the opportunities that may assist the Borough with our needs.
- The Borough is working to complete the interview and hiring process for Public Works and a Finance Manager. Interviews begin tomorrow.
- We are closing out our DCED grant that we received \$30,000 for new recycling bins and trash cans. There's \$4,000.00 of unexpected funds, so we requested a 60-day extension so we can order additional trash cans and recycling bins.
- The Cedar to Walnut Flood Mitigation Project grant has been advertised for public bid.
- The paving project has been prepared for advertisement but since PennDOT is having issues with the Penn Bid application.
- The Borough has been researching the cost of the feasibility of providing microphone and a speaker system for public meetings.

Chief T. Scott mentioned he and the traffic engineer were looking into an additional stop sign at Cedar and Shoemaker. At the request of Councilor A. MacHaffie, Chief T. Scott explained why parking in the direction of flow of traffic is being emphasized.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

- 1. 459-471 Old York Road LLC – Consideration of Settlement Stipulation for Pending Zoning Appeal at Montgomery County Docket No. 2023-23658: (00:57:50)** Councilor A. Khalil made a motion, seconded by Councilor A. MacHaffie, to table the Consideration of Settlement Stipulation for Pending Zoning Appeal at Montgomery County Docket No. 2023-23658
Motion Approved 12 – 0
- 2. Governors Center For Local Government Services – Letter of Intent:** Councilor C. Soltysiak made a motion, seconded by Councilor A. Khalil to issue a ‘Letter of Intent’ requesting assistance by the GCLGS (DCED) to include a Police cost benefit analysis. Councilors D. Pancoe, A. Khalil, D. Ballard, C. Soltysiak, A. MacHaffie asked questions about the process that Mgr. G. Locke answered. Chief T. Scott added additional detail about municipalities within the state.
Motion Approved 12 – 0
- 3. Jenkintown Commons Limited Partnership #3 - Partial Release #1:** Councilor J. Bruno made a motion, seconded by Councilor D. Ballard to reduce the letter of credit by the amount of \$1,063,181.25 of construction escrow based on the Borough Engineer’s recommendation letter. Councilor D. Ballard asked Mgr. G. Locke to explain. **(01:25:19)** He did so accordingly.
Motion Approved 12 – 0
- 4. Agreement with Cheltenham Township – Interceptor A:** Councilor D. Ballard made a motion, seconded by Councilor J. Bruno to enter into an agreement with Cheltenham Township Finalizing the Construction Costs of the 2019 Interceptor ‘A’ Sewer Project in the amount of \$226,697.31.
Motion Approved 12 – 0

NEW BUSINESS AND DISCUSSION:

Councilor A. Bartlett mentioned the Summer Music Series started.

(01:30:24) Mgr. G. Locke switched to his screen to show the Letter of Intent

ADJOURNMENT: President J. Connors adjourned the meeting at 8:40 PM